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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

26. (Amended) A method for opening a connection between a first router and a second router for transmitting a data packet, wherein both of the first router and the second router being coupled via a network, said method comprising the steps of:

generating a reservation information packet for opening the connection at said first router;

transmitting said reservation information packet bound for a predetermined destination from said first router;